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*TESTIMONY OF REPRESENTATIVE JACK HENNESSY
BEFORE THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE-MARCH 25, 2011*

Thank you for taking up House Bill 6620, An Act Concerning Condominiums and Common Interest Ownership Communities.

For several years now I have been submitting a bill that would create an office within the state's Department of Consumer Protection that would provide unbiased legal consul concerning violations of state condominium laws. Condo owners often are at the mercy of their association's board of directors.

The reason why I have been working to get this bill passed is because of a constituent, Lillian Anderson, who made me aware of the problems she was having with her condominium association. The last time I heard from her, she was being sued as a result of circulating a petition to hold elections so condo owners could vote for new board members. Although the by-laws demanded elections every so many years, the board had not had elections in years. I tried to notify her of today's public hearing, knowing she would be happy and would want to testify, but her phone is disconnected and she no longer lives there.

As many condo owners, Lillian was a senior citizen, living on a limited fixed income. Just like her, there are many people across the state whose rights are being ignored. Condominium owners need an ombudsman to help level the playing field and give them a chance to live in peace.

I urge the committee's favorable report of House Bill 6620.

Sincerely,

Representative Jack Hennessy
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